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Idaho June Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for June 2009 totaled 19.1 million pounds, down 6 percent from June of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. June production was up 3 percent from May 2009 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-June 2009 period totaled 114.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in June, up 3 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in June 2008. Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.98 million head, up 1 percent from June 2008. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.5 million pounds, 2 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77,200 head, up 2 percent from June 2008. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.18 million head, up 3 percent from June 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was up 6 percent from June 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 203,000 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from June a year ago. January to June 2009 commercial red meat production was 24.3 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

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